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SUBJECT: OBTAINING SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (KEVIN BETTNER)

1. IN AUGUST 1978 THE PARENTS COOPERATIVE SCHOOL WAS REQUESTED BY NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL TO SEND A TRANSCRIPT FOR KEVIN BETTNER. THE SCHOOL REFUSED ON THE GROUNDS THAT KEVIN'S MOTHER WHO HAS LEGAL CUSTODY UNDER A SOUTH DAKOTA DECREE INSTRUCTED THEM TO GIVE HIS RECORDS TO NO ONE BUT HERSELF. KEVIN IS PRESENTLY LIVING WITH HIS FATHER. THE FATHER'S ATTORNEY ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO REQUIRE THE SCHOOL TO SEND THE TRANSCRIPT ON THE GROUNDS THAT SUCH RECORDS WERE ESSENTIAL TO THE BOY'S PROPER SCHOOLING AND SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE NO PREJUDICIAL EFFECT ON ANY CUSTODY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE PARENTS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO INTERVENE IN SUCH A DISPUTE AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD NO POWER TO FORCE A SCHOOL TO RELEASE RECORDS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT KEVIN WRITE PERSONALLY TO THE SCHOOL AND INCLUDE IN HIS LETTER THE PENNSYLVANIA LAW UPHOLDING HIS FATHER'S CUSTODY RIGHTS IN THE HOPE THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD HONOR THE BOY'S OWN
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REQUEST.

3. THE DEPARTMENT AGREED TO ASK THE EMBASSY TO INQUIRE OF THE SCHOOL AS TO ITS DECISION ON THE RELEASE OF THE RECORDS.

4. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL (TEL: 51386 OR 52103) TO SEE

WHAT THEIR ACTION WILL BE.

5. PLEASE WRITE TO KEVIN BETTNER, 1064 WEIKEL ROAD,
LANSDALE, PA., 19446 WITH THE RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRY AND
SEND A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT, CA/SCS. VANCE

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